



AHYHA REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Welcome to the 2011-2012 season of the
Andover Huskies Youth Hockey Association!

AHYHA will be using ONLINE registration ONLY!

Beginning August 1st, 2011

Visit www.ahyha.com to register!

**AHYHA Open House September 19th and September 26th
from 6pm to 8pm at the Andover Community Center**

All Players (A Mite, 8U and up) will be required to own an Andover Hockey Warm-up. If you do not currently have one, they will be available on-line during registration. Warm-ups will be available during the open house for fittings.

Mandatory: You and your hockey player must attend one of the two Open house Hockey dates to turn in paperwork and get fitted for an Andover Hockey Warm-up, if you are in need of one.

All registrants **MUST** turn in the following forms to play hockey:

1. A copy of the player's state issued birth certificate that we can keep on file **if you do not already have one turned in.**
2. Completed Consent to Treat Form
3. Completed Parent and Player Code of Conduct Form
4. Volunteer Check for 12 hrs made out to AHYHA for \$275
(please print your youth's name in the memo line)

***Consent to Treat and Code of Conducts can be found on our website at www.ahyha.com.**



July 22, 2011

AHYHA Membership,

As we enter our 10th season I am looking forward to another great year of hockey for our kids. Last year's outdoor rink project was a great success and the addition of that facility will be a huge asset for our association for years to come. I can't say thank you enough to Tony Howard and the many other people who carried the load with that project so that it could be completed on a limited budget.

The story of the year in Minnesota hockey has been the "no checking rule" which means there will no longer be checking allowed at the Pee Wee level. While this issue was extensively debated, the decision is now final. Now, we need to move ahead with our season under these new guidelines and play hockey.

It seems every year, despite our best efforts, we find the "holes" in our policies. We have addressed many of these issues with some minor policy changes and hope that things will continue to evolve and improve as we move forward. As I stated when I came to this position, my areas of focus were fundraising and recruitment. We have continued to investigate any and all fundraising options including the expansion of gambling. My hope is that we will increase our gambling presence in this upcoming year including another car raffle for next summer. Recruitment efforts have been solid, but they can always improve. We are always looking for ways to add hockey players through the promotion of our sport and association. The restructuring of the board this past off season was an effort to re-focus recruitment, marketing, and fundraising efforts and spread the workload more evenly so that more can be accomplished. As I have said many times in the past, I really believe in the people we have working for us in this association. These are well intentioned, selfless, talented people who work very hard to make the association better. I encourage any members who have interest in helping out to get in touch with the board, we are always looking for help!

One final thing I would like to leave with everyone; the upcoming season will have many successes and failures, but no matter what happens, there will be learning opportunities for our kids. This game is full of life lessons and it's up to us as parents to take advantage of those opportunities to teach our kids those lessons. I sincerely hope this upcoming season is the best that it can be for your kids. I look forward to seeing you at the rink – GO HUSKIES!

Jason Hemp

President AHYHA

Welcome to 2011-2012 Hockey Season!

Welcome back and welcome to our new members. I am excited to be the new Registration Director this year, although I do have some mighty big shoes to fill. If you have any questions or concerns please email me at registration@ahyha.com. I will be more than happy to assist you. I look forward to working with everyone this year. Thanks! ~Heather Baden

Registration

AHYHA will be using online registration only again this year. We will have a system set up with the option to pay by credit card or electronic check, and you will be billed throughout the season from this system. Also you may choose to buy out of your volunteer hours for \$250 payable online during registration. Also new this year Traveling and C teams registration deadline is August 31st.

The following forms will still need to be turned in:

- Copy of State issued Birth Certificate (**Only if they are a new player to Andover**)
- Consent to Treat (this form is available at www.ahyha.com or when you register on-line)
- Parent and Player Code of Conduct form.
- Volunteer Check for 12hrs made out to AHYHA for \$275 (please print your youths name in the memo line)

Additional information:

The home address should be used for all participants. If a player lives in one state and plays in another, enter the home address and pay any applicable Affiliate fee. The confirmation page/number will be accepted by any USA Hockey program in the country.

Additional confirmation pages can be requested from the Welcome page of online registration at USA Hockey. Click on the puck in the upper left corner and enter last name, date of birth and zip code. You can then print the page or send it to the email address you enter.

Participation Rule

The participation rule will remain the same as last year. Beginning in 2010-11, the MH Participation Rule allowed players the option of essentially playing where they live or where they go to school. Changes in the rule approved for the 2010-2011 Season include:

- Reverting default association membership back to residence
- Mandating waivers requested from players enrolled and attending school in another area
- Defining "Home Association" as either the Association of Residence or the Association of School Attendance to which a player has been properly waived
- Further defining options for players changing schools

For further details on the participation rule, please visit our web site at www.ahyha.com or www.minnesotahockey.org/news_article

General Information

Player Eligibility: The age groups for all players participating in the AHYHA hockey program under MINNESOTA HOCKEY sanction will be as follows:

Age Level	Birthdates Between	Comments
Mites	7/1/02 to 6/30/07	No Body Checking
Squirts	7/1/00 to 6/30/02	No Body Checking
Peewee	7/1/98 to 6/30/00	No Body Checking
Bantam	7/1/96 to 6/30/98	Body Checking Allowed
Jr. Gold 16U	7/1/95 to 6/30/96	Body Checking Allowed
Jr. Gold (All)	7/1/92 to 6/30/96	Body Checking Allowed
Girls 8U	7/1/02 to 6/30/07	No Body Checking
Girls 10U	7/1/00 to 6/30/02	No Body Checking
Girls 12U	7/1/97 to 6/30/00	No Body Checking
Girls 14U	7/1/96 to 6/30/98	No Body Checking

Players must sign up for the level in which their birth date falls. Moving down to a younger age range is not allowed.

Moving up to an older age range is allowed if that player would then be in the “grade appropriate” level. Grade appropriate is defined as a player who is attending a grade that is typical of the playing level. For example, Bantams/14U are grades 8 and 9, Peewee/12U are grades 6 and 7, and Squirts/10U are grades 4 and 5. The player must remain with the age group to which they moved for the remainder of their years of AHYHA participation.

Players who wish to participate at a level other than their designated level, and don't meet the grade appropriate move up, must present a petition to the Board of Directors. Please refer to the AHYHA Policies for details.

AHYHA will abide by MINNESOTA HOCKEY / District 10 policies related to moving youth to non-designated levels and checking leagues.

Note that girls may register for youth teams but boys may not register for Girls' team. Girls need to declare at registration if they are trying out for youth or girls, they may not tryout for both.

Estimated Fee Schedule 2011-2012 Season

	# of players	Total Program Fee (Does not include fund raising or team assessments)	Due at Registration includes tryout fees	2nd Payment Due Oct 31st	3rd Payment Due Nov 31st	4th Payment Due Jan 16th
Traveling Program						
A Bantam	16	\$ 1,595	\$ 695	\$ 380	\$ 380	\$ 140
B1 Bantam	16	\$ 1,595	\$ 495	\$ 380	\$ 380	\$ 340
B2 Bantam	16	\$ 1,395	\$ 495	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300
14U Girls	16	\$ 1,595	\$ 695	\$ 380	\$ 380	\$ 140
Peewee	15	\$ 1,295	\$ 395	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300
12U Girls	15	\$ 1,295	\$ 395	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300
Squirts	15	\$ 1,105	\$ 355	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250
10U Girls	15	\$ 1,105	\$ 355	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250
“C” Program						
C Bantam	14	\$ 925	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 225	\$ 200
C Peewee	14	\$ 925	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 225	\$ 200
C Squirt	14	\$ 925	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 225	\$ 200
Mite/8U Program						
8U Girls	32	\$ 470	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 220
Initiation A	16	\$ 530	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 280
Initiation B	48	\$ 470	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 220
Initiation C	60	\$ 390	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 140
Initiation D	56	\$ 195	\$ 195	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

*The table above is based on estimated Association Fees. All teams will be reevaluated at the end of January 2012 and may be subject to additional adjustments.

Traveling Program:

Estimates for traveling fees are based on the following:

- The traveling registration fee includes a \$95 tryout fee
- All teams have a minimum 15 person roster.
- All teams qualify for the District Tournament
- All teams play a full league schedule
- Peewee and above teams play 4 tournaments with average entry fees of \$675
- Squirt and 10U teams play 3 tournaments with average entry fees of \$650
- Squirts and 10U Girls average 2 practices per week
- Peewees and 12U Girls average 3 practices per week
- Bantams and 14U average 4 practices per week
- Bantam A games require two (2) hours of ice and Bantam B1 and 14U require ninety (90) minutes of ice

Note: A final bill may be issued once District participation and final Ice schedules are issued.

'C' Program

Individuals registering for a 'C' team are not subject to the \$95 tryout fee 'C' Squirts, 'C' Peewees and 'C' Bantams will receive 15 officiated games.

Mite/8U Program

- Fees for the Mite and 8U Girls programs are final and will not be adjusted
- Those individuals signing up for:
 - D Mites will receive at least 6 games
 - C Mites will receive at least 8 officiated games
 - B Mites, A Mites and 8U Girls will receive at least 12 officiated games

Mite/8U Girls/'C' Program/Traveling fees do NOT include:

- Mandatory fundraising fees
- Any discretionary team expenses agreed to by team parents including but not limited to: Apparel, extra ice time, scrimmage referee fees, team parties and other similar expenses
- Volunteer requirement check of \$275

Mandatory Fundraiser:

Mandatory Fundraiser: Candy bar Sales
Optional Family Fundraiser:
Optional Buy Out of Candy Bars

Cost per Family - \$120.00
Cost per Case - \$30.00
Cost per Family - \$80.00

- Each family will receive 2 boxes of Hershey's brand King size candy bars with 30 bars per box. Each bar is then sold for \$2.00 a piece. Families keep the money from the sale of the candy bars to offset the cost of the mandatory fundraiser.
- Additional cases may be purchased for \$30.00 per box. All candy will be distributed at our Hockey Open Houses.
- We are offering the candy bar Buy-out option for \$80.00 again this year for those of you that do not wish to purchase the candy bars.
- Optional fundraising opportunities may be presented to the membership for purposes of applying a percentage of the profits to the Association itself or directly to cover the costs of individual fees.

For more information, contact Sara Clough, Fundraising Coordinator fundraising@ahyha.com.

Fundraising:

FUND'RAISING OPPORTUNITIES TO PUT MONEY IN YOUR POCKET FOR YOUR AHYHA DUES!!

This year, we have many fundraising opportunities! We hope you will find them of some value to assist you in making those payments for hockey this year (and the coming years!)

Several of these fundraisers will be for you to raise money for your child(ren)s hockey association dues:

- Wreath fundraiser through Mickman Brother's Nursery. This has been a very successful fundraiser for other groups in the past and makes a huge dent in your association dues. Please look for more information to come via email and the website.
- Softner salt fundraiser through Commer's Water. Please look for more information to come via email and the AHYHA website.
- Working at the Xcel Energy Center – mostly at Wild Games, but there are other events, also. We are working on getting our own concession stand for AHYHA. Please email Sara Clough at fundraising@ahyha.com for more information.

There are some fundraising opportunities that will be shared between AHYHA and the members:

- Heggies Pizza sales. This fundraiser has been a very successful one for the past few years for AHYHA – we will continue to have this fundraiser; however, the profits will be shared between AHYHA and the members that participate in the fundraiser.

There are some fundraisers that we will do as an association that will help pay for ice, the S.K.A.T.E. Banquet, new equipment and new uniforms (look for some fun and exciting news about the S.K.A.T.E banquet online and through emails):

- Online Fundraising – check out the AHYHA website. There is a new tab at the top of the page called ‘fundraising’ – on that page are several opportunities to help AHYHA raise money – by shopping online for things that you would be purchasing anyways! Tell your friends and family about this awesome feature on our website! Simply go to AHYHA, go to the fundraising tab at the top of the page and check out all of the great online stores. Click on any store...and start shopping! There are no special codes or buttons to push / click on. Simply shop, click and raise money for AHYHA.
- Apparel – We have established a great working relationship with Lettermen Sports – they have given us the opportunity to purchase items right from our website. We will have 3 opportunities to order apparel. They are also going to have an ‘Andover Night’ where they will close the store and allow just our members to shop for apparel, try on and purchase equipment, get your skates sharpened – all at discounted prices! Please watch your email and check out the website for that date!
- Food Perspectives, Inc. (FPI) – many of you have heard of food perspectives! This is an organization that does taste tests for major food companies. FPI pays you to take a taste test! Yes...they pay you to try food! They also pay AHYHA \$10.00 / taste test / member that is doing that taste test! Great way to earn a little extra money for yourself and AHYHA! All you have to do is sign up on their website: www.fpitesters.com; follow the online instructions on ‘How to Become a Taste Tester’ they will contact you when they have a taste test available! You just take the survey to see if you qualify for a particular taste test – and then schedule the taste test around your schedule! Your kids can do this, also! They can earn a little extra money while helping AHYHA fundraise!
- LePage and Sons Waste Management – LePage and Sons is willing to donate money to AHYHA for every 2 year contract that they receive from a member of our association or if a family member mentions that they are affiliated with AHYHA. With every contract, they will donate \$15.00 and at the start of that contract’s 2nd year, they will donate an additional \$10.00!! Take a look at the information enclosed to get started! They have great rates for consumers...and great donations for AHYHA!

Volunteer Opportunities:

Volunteer Requirement: AHYHA depends on the volunteerism of our members and it is critical that we all share in the commitment to the success of our association. In recognition of this critical need, we will require each family to provide a separate \$275 check that will be held until the end of the season (first year mite families new to the association are exempt). You may also choose to buy out of the volunteer hours by paying \$250.

Once it is determined that the family’s 12 hour volunteer requirement has been fulfilled and the coach evaluation forms have been turned in, the check will be available for pickup at the annual meeting or destroyed. If the volunteer requirement has not been fulfilled or the coach evaluations have not been turned in, the check will be cashed once the family is notified by email. Volunteer opportunities will include registration, tryouts, AHYHA sponsored tournaments, Districts, Regions, Coaches, Managers as well as other service opportunities specified by the Board. Please refer to the volunteer guidelines posted on the AHYHA website.

There may be situations where teams will be assigned volunteer hours in the event we are unable to fill them through normal signups. In this instance teams will be fined if the hours are unfilled.

Sponsorship Program:

New this season to AHYHA, we will be implementing a sponsorship program. This program offers the opportunity for businesses or individuals to sponsor teams and the association. This program will assist with the rising costs for many things including ice time and equipment, and to also keep costs low and keep fees affordable for all families in Andover. As a sponsor for the 2010-2011 season, you will have several options to choose from. Also, if you obtain a sponsor, a portion will be added back to your account for ice fees. Please watch for more information regarding this program.

Levels of Play:

The following describes the various levels of play available through the Andover Huskies Youth Hockey Association.

Mites/8U: The Mite program continues to be our largest and fastest growing program. Our association is very committed to our Mite program and will continue to foster skill development, healthy competition, sportsmanship, and team play. Our Mission is to develop a "Tradition of Excellence". The Mite program will offer four levels of play A through D. While the focus will be on skills development there will be games played against other associations in our district, close to home. For more information, contact Bernie Knox, Mite Operations Director Bernie@hometownhockeymn.com.

C Program: Our C program will be available to those who may not want the significant commitment of the A & B traveling teams. They will play against communities that are located near ours. The number of C teams will be based on registration sign-up.

Girls: Our Girls program has enjoyed great success, not only in the number of participants, but also on the ice. We will have teams for 8U, 10U, 12U and 14U. The number at each level will be determined after registration. Players are required to go through the tryout process when numbers are greater than defined roster needs. Our goal is to continue the growth of the program in the number of players and develop the girls in their hockey skills. For more information, contact Dave Johnson, Girls Director dave@totalservicecompany.com.

Traveling A & B Levels: Our A & B traveling program is geared for the highest level of competition. Registration numbers will determine how many teams will be formed at each level of play. Those wishing to play A or B traveling will be required to go through a tryout process. For more information regarding the traveling program, contact the traveling director.

Traveling tryouts: Information on tryouts including the policies and procedures are available at www.ahyha.com. Please review the tryout and team selection section of the policies and procedures manual. Current information including recent communication to players and parents will be posted in the tryout section on the www.ahyha.com web site. Please look there first for up-to-date information throughout the process. There you will find the tryout schedule, player groupings for evaluation sessions, recent communication, and pool and team postings.

There will be brief parent communication meetings prior to the beginning of on ice play. Please check the web for the time and place of these meetings.

Jr. Huskies: An introduction to skating and Hockey for boys and girls age 3-6. It is Ideal for kids with little or no experience. The sessions are conducted in a safe and friendly environment. Sessions focus on basic skating development, and emphasis on fun games (and stick and puck play). By the end of a Jr. Huskies session, participants can be expected to skate individually without any aid or help. Jr. Huskies gives parents and their kids a very affordable way to experience skating and Hockey without investing in equipment or ice fees. The Jr. Huskies program is dedicated to identifying, developing, and introducing Andover's youngest kids to the opportunity to play association Hockey every fall. For more information, contact Bernie Knox, Mite Operations Director bernie@hometownhockeymn.com or Laura Lazan, Mite Administration Director llazan@lazan.com.

Uniforms & Equipment

The official colors of Andover Huskies Youth Hockey are Black, Vegas Gold and White. An official uniform will be selected incorporating these colors for all traveling teams with one jersey identified for home games and one for away games. These official uniforms must be worn at all games, scrimmages and tournaments. Black helmets and black breezers are mandatory. All traveling team uniforms and team equipment must be turned in to the Team Manager at the end of the season. In the event that a uniform is not returned, players will not be allowed to register for the following season until restitution is received by AHYHA.

To ensure receipt of all equipment provided, AHYHA has instituted the following policy: Coaches at ALL levels will be required to provide a \$100.00 check, which will be held as an equipment deposit. Upon receipt of team jerseys, puck bags, water bottles and first aid kits, the \$100.00 check will be returned.

Goalie Equipment will be provided to the Mite, Squirt, 8U & 10U players. Due to the cost of goalie equipment, AHYHA has instituted the following rules:

1. A \$250.00 deposit check will be required at the Squirt level for goalie equipment. This check will be held until equipment is returned and checked in.
2. At the end of the season, players will be required to have the goalie equipment inspected. If damages or defects (deemed unreasonable) are found, players will be required to have the equipment repaired at their expense or make restitution to AHYHA. In the event that equipment is not returned by the specified date, AHYHA will cash the \$250.00 deposit check.
3. Players will be allowed to retain goalie equipment during the off-season only after the post-season inspection. The usage fee for off season usage is as follows: Squirts and Mites - \$50.00 rental fee

Players on non-traveling teams will be provided with jerseys to be approved by the AHYHA Board of Directors that shall be worn when playing games. Equipment requirements are set by MINNESOTA HOCKEY District 10, MINNESOTA HOCKEY and USA Hockey and are strictly enforced.

HEP (Hockey Education Program): In the 2004-05 season, Minnesota Hockey launched an unprecedented youth program. HEP is a ground-breaking program for all players, coaches, officials and parents in Minnesota, dedicated to creating a safe and healthy hockey environment where all can succeed to their fullest potential and have fun in the process. AHYHA will once again participate in this program. Minnesota Hockey and Mayo Clinic Sports Medicine Center developed this program collaboratively. For more information go to www.Minnesotahockey.org

Questions? Feel free to contact any member of the AHYHA Board, a list of board members can be found on our website at www.ahyha.com.

Good Luck on a Successful Season

GO HUSKIES!

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